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Office of the United States
Trade Representative
Trade Policy Staff Committee
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Our reference 512.01-BUH

Investigation No. TA-201-73 on Certain Steel Products :

Comments made by Switzerland

Dear Mrs. Blue

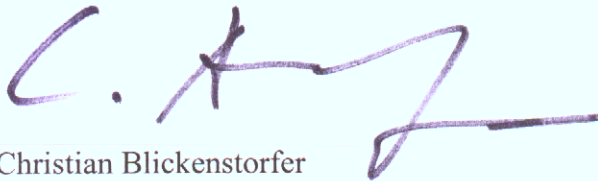
Enclosed please find a memorandum from the Swiss Government on the above investigation regarding certain carbon and alloy welded tubular products (other than oil country tubular goods). This memorandum is filed to support the submission made by Rothrist Tube (Switzerland) Inc. (Rothrist) pursuant to the Trade Policy Staff Committee of the U.S. Trade Representative and to the U.S. International Trade Commission.

I am confident that the explanations provided in the memorandum, as well as in the submission mentioned above, will convince you that the Swiss company and its high-quality and unique products are in no way the cause of the problems faced by the U.S. steel industry and are, on the contrary, beneficial to the U.S. automotive industry in particular and to the U.S. economy in general.

I therefore urge you to take the arguments of Switzerland and the said company into consideration and request that the tubes produced and exported by Rothrist to the U.S. market be excluded from import relief under Section 203.

Sincerely yours,

THE AMBASSADOR OF SWITZERLAND

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'C. Blickenstorfer', with a stylized, elongated flourish extending to the right.

Christian Blickenstorfer

Enclosure: mentioned

Cc: - Secretary of Commerce Donald L Evans, U.S. Department of Commerce
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